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Legislature Steps Up Fight Against Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic

Bipartisan Legislation to target source of the crisis passes the Florida House

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Florida House passing CS/CS/HB 7095 Controlled Substances, which targets the source of the prescription drug abuse crisis in Florida.

“Chairman Schenck and the Health & Human Services Committee have worked diligently to create this extensive legislation to combat Florida’s prescription drug abuse crisis, which has contributed to a staggering number of deaths. This bipartisan legislation fights this epidemic on multiple levels, but most importantly stops the problem at the source. By prohibiting doctors from dispensing medically unbelievable amounts of the most dangerous drugs, we can quickly and effectively put an end to the epidemic of prescription drug abuse in Florida.

“This comprehensive reform closes current loopholes in the distribution of controlled substances. The proposed policy will not only prevent drug dealers cloaked as doctors from dispensing harmful controlled substances to Florida’s citizens but also stop unscrupulous individuals from opening pharmacies and irresponsibly dispensing controlled substances.

“Beyond stopping the problem at the source, the legislation gives law enforcement the support and tools necessary to combat the illicit distribution of controlled substances. This legislation is an aggressive and thoughtful approach, attacking the problem from all angles to immediately stop the crisis. We appreciate the support of Governor Scott and Attorney General Bondi and look forward to working with the Senate to pass this much-needed comprehensive reform.”

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